

Remarks

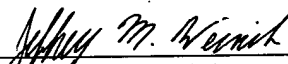
This is in response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2004, which indicated a requirement for restriction of the claims. The Office Action identified claim Group I (claims 1-3, 15-20) and claim Group II (claims 4-14) and indicated that these two Groups are patentably distinct as a product and a product of use of the invention.

In response to this restriction requirement, applicant elects claims 4-14 for further prosecution in the present application. Claims 1-3 and 15-20, therefore, are canceled from the present application without prejudice.

Allowance of all claims remaining under consideration is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicants note that the restriction requirement of September 3, 2004 indicated a three month shortened statutory period for reply to the restriction requirement. Thus, applicants believe no extension fee is due for this response. However, applicants hereby authorize the Office to charge deposit account number 50-3126 for any extension fee owed in the event such a fee is required.

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